

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE January 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Arizona Board of Regents High Honors Tuition Endorsement Scholarship

SUBMITTED BY: Maxine E. Daly, Deputy Associate Superintendent – Academic Achievement

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

Background:

- **August 2003** - Superintendent Horne proposed to the Board of Regents changes in the current Honors Endorsement program. Fiscal impact study was requested
- **April 2004** – Findings from the university fiscal report were released. Board proposed new policy (4-317 “Resident Tuition Scholarships for Recipients of a Regents High Honors Endorsement”)
- **August 2004** – Board of Regents approved 4-317 “Resident Tuition Scholarships for Recipients of a Regents High Honors Endorsement” effective with the graduating class of 2006 and administration of the program was given to the Arizona Department of Education.
- **Fall 2004** – Arizona Department of Education created a ABOR Implementation Team made up of Arizona high schools administrators, counselors and university representatives.
- **Spring of 2005** – Implementation plan was finalized and communication was sent to all Arizona high schools.
- **Spring of 2005 to Present** – training and presentations held across the state on the identification and certification of qualified students
- **June 2006** – 2489 students out of the class of 2006 certified as being qualified for the scholarship.
- **April 2007** - criteria modified by the Arizona Board of Regents
- **June 2007** - 3781 students out of the class of 2007 certified as being qualified for the scholarship.
- **June 2008** – 4338 students out of the class of 2008 certified as being qualified for the scholarship.
- **October 2008** – preliminary report released from ABOR on the high honors tuition scholarship.
- **January 2009** – Report given to the Arizona State Board of Education on the ABOR High Honors Tuition Scholarship.

Update:

The Arizona Board of Regents High Honors Endorsement Tuition Scholarship program is currently in its 4th year. The Innovative & Exemplary Programs staff has managed the programs since its inception in Fall of 2004. The Arizona Board of Regents has just released the first preliminary data regarding the first 3 years of certification. Here are some of the highlights from the report.

of students certified:

Year	# of Students Qualified	# of Student who utilized Award
2006	2489	1561
2007	3781	2058
2008	4338	2518

The discrepancy in the number of students certified and the number who actually utilized the scholarship can be attributed to the following reasons:

- 1) Student(s) choose to attend another college, community college or university other than ASU, UA, or NAU.
- 2) Student(s) were offered another university academic merit scholarship with more monetary value than the High Honors Tuition Scholarship.

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Renewal Rates:

Class	ABOR Scholarship Recipient	Academic Merit Awardees' - Not ABOR Scholarship Recipient
2006	81.36%	74.03%
2007	83.76%	72.23%

Grade Point Average (GPA) Comparison:

	Class of 2006	Class of 2007
ABOR Scholarship Recipient	3.56	3.52
Academic Merit Awardees - Not ABOR Scholarship Recipient	3.40	3.38

Gender Breakdown

Class	Male	Female
2006	588	973
2007	755	1303

Ethnicity Breakdown

Class	African American	American Indian	Asian American	Hispanic	Unknown/ Other	White
2006	16	13	129	135	47	1221
2007	32	23	164	208	49	1582

We are still responding to over 75 emails and phone calls a week from high school counselors, parents, and students inquiring about eligibility and renewal of this scholarship.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [X] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:**

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]

